

**Design and Historic Review Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2021**

A meeting of the City of Yuma Design and Historic Review Commission was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at City Hall Council Chambers, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

**DESIGN AND HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS** present included Chairman Tom Rushin, Vice-Chairman Juan Leal-Rubio and Commissioners Chris Hamel, Bill Moody and Amanda Coltman. Commissioner James Sheldahl was absent. There is one vacancy.

**STAFF MEMBERS** present included Scott McCoy, Assistant City Attorney; Shelly Hook, Development Project Coordinator; Robert Blevins, Principal Planner; Chad Brown, Associate Planner; Amelia Griffin, Associate Planner and Alejandro Marquez, Administrative Assistant.

**Chairman Rushin** called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted there was a quorum present.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 10, 2021

**Motion by Leal-Rubio, second by Hamel to APPROVE the minutes of March 24, 2021. Motion carried (5-0) with one absent.**

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**ITEMS REQUIRING COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION.**

**Chairman Rushin** declared a conflict, recused himself from the Drake Presentation, and turned the meeting over to **Vice-Chairman Leal-Rubio**.

**Preliminary Reviews**

**Ron Pailliotet** via Zoom presented a proposal to replace the Drake Building (19-39 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) with multi-family residential units.

**Commissioner Hamel** asked if the east wall was going to be attached to the existing building. **Pailliotet** answered yes.

**Moody** asked about the timeline and which building would be done first. **Pailliotet** answered that he would like both buildings to be done simultaneously.

**Moody** then expressed concern about the stability of the Drake building and if the exterior walls could be saved. **Pailliotet** replied that the original intent was to rehab the Drake building, but it has been determined to not be possible.

**Rob Campbell, Robert L. Campbell Structural Engineer PC**, spoke about the Structural Report for the proposed project, and confirmed the structure was not structurally sound enough for rehabilitation.

**Kevin Eatherly, Pilkington Construction**, also spoke about the Structural Report.

**Coltman** asked if the amenities in both buildings would be similar. **Pailliotet** replied yes.

**Moody** asked if the second building would cover the whole property at 39 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. **Pailliotet** answered yes.

**Pailliotet** then asked how long would it take for an approval of a demolition permit for a historic property. **Blevins** then explained the process of obtaining demolition permits and the timeframe to get an approval.

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**Vice-Chairman Leal-Rubio** returned the meeting to **Chairman Rushin**.

**DHRC-34128-2021:** *This is a request by Lindsay Benacka, on behalf of Main Street LLC, for historic review of a new mural on the south building wall, for the property located at 299 S. Main Street, in the Main Street Historic District.*

**Amelia Griffin, Associate Planner** summarized the staff report, recommending **APPROVAL**.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR STAFF**

**Moody** asked for the name of the artist that designed the murals. **Griffin** answered Hanna Daly.

#### **APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Motion by Hamel, second by Coltman, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-34128-2021 subject to the Conditions of Approval in Attachment A. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with one absent.**

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**DHRC-34133-2021:** *This is a request by Carolyn McKelvey Malouff to install three new beams to span the church interior, which necessitates their protrusion through the exterior of the roof at several points, at the individually-listed property (the historic Methodist/Episcopal Church) at 256 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, in the Old Town Zoning District.*

**Robert Blevins, Principal Planner** summarized the staff report, recommending **APPROVAL**.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR STAFF**

None

#### **APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE**

**Carolyn McKelvey Malouff, 593 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yuma AZ, 85364**, was present and available for questions.

**Mike Bann, West Mark Engineering**, was present and available for questions.

**Moody** asked if a Structural Engineer approved the plans. **Bann** answered yes.

**Leal-Rubio** asked what the intention was for the use of the building. **Malouff** answered she was going to use it as an event center.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Motion by Moody, second by Hamel, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-34133-2021 subject to the Conditions of Approval in Attachment A. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with one absent**



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## COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Staff

None

### Administrative Approvals

**DHRC-32132-2020:** *This is a request by Frank Marquez, on behalf of BES Rentals, LLC, for a new retaining wall, for the property located at 301 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, in the Century Heights Conservancy Residential Historic District.*

### National Heritage Area

None

### Commission

None

### Public

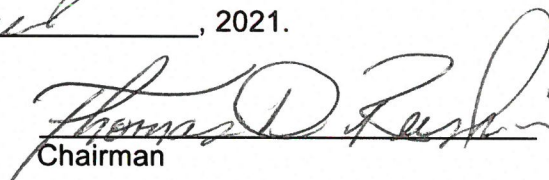
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## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Minutes approved this 14 day of April, 2021.

  
Chairman